

REMARKS

Claim 2 was rejected under §112, first paragraph, and has been amended. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-12, and 15 were rejected as anticipated by LAMBING et al. 5,160,771. Claim 1 has been amended and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Amended claim 1 provides, among other features, that one of the mutually overlapping edges is jogged so that the two metal layer sections are extensions of one another. This is shown, for example, in Figure 2 wherein one section (18) of the bottom metal layer (13) is jogged (bent) above the other section (19) of the same bottom metal layer (13) and the overlapping edges (20) are bonded to one another.

LAMBING et al. do not disclose that overlapping edges are jogged so that the two sections are extensions of one another, and thus amended claim 1 avoids the rejection under §102. LAMBING et al. do not disclose joggling at all and do not have overlapping edges where the two metal sections are extensions of one another. In LAMBING et al., the two metal sections with overlapping edges (e.g., 15 and 80) are at different levels and thus are not extensions of one another.

New claims 16-19 have been added and are allowable for similar reasons. With regard to claim 17, LAMBING et al.

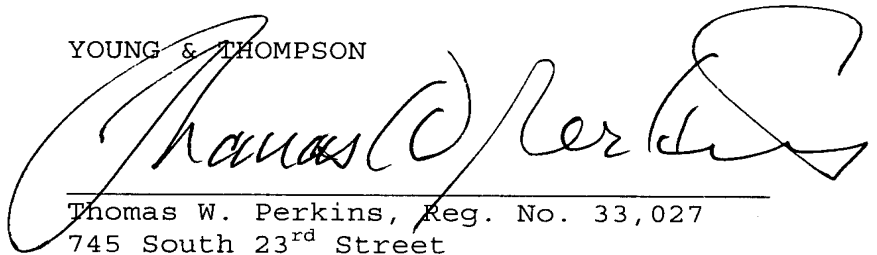
disclose overlapping edges of metal layers are bonded to one another, but do not disclose that one of the overlapping edges is jogged to a level of an adjacent one of the plural metal layers, wherein in a second region separate from the first (overlapping) region the two metal layer sections are at a same level of the laminate. The reference also does not disclose a fill that has a thickness so that the laminate has a same thickness in the first and second regions (in LAMBING et al., the laminate has a same thickness, but the metal layer sections do not overlap).

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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